

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 98-634

AUGUST 25, 1998

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
Investigation into Area Code
Relief

BENCH DATA REQUEST NO. 1
TO **BELL ATLANTIC**

**RESPONSE DUE ON
SEPTEMBER 25, 1998**

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- A. Please provide the response to each numbered request on a three hole punched sheet of paper, or sheets of paper.
- B. For each response, please state (1) the name(s) and title(s) of the person(s) responsible for preparing the response, and (2) the name(s) and title(s) of the person(s) who are competent to give testimony concerning the response and all documents produced as part of the responses.
- C. Where information requested is not available in the precise form described in the question, or is not available for all years indicated, please provide all information with respect to the subject matter of the question that can be identified in Bell Atlantic's workpapers and files, or that is otherwise available.
- D. As used in this data request, "available" means within Bell Atlantic's knowledge, possession, or control, or within the party's power, capacity, or ability to retrieve or obtain from an affiliate, a contractor, or any other source.

DATA REQUESTS

I. COCUS STUDY

1. Please provide all documents relating to the methodologies used in and results of the 1998 COCUS study including:

- a. all assumptions used and/or relied upon; and
- b. all data which supports those assumptions.

2. Please identify and explain the factors and events which lead to the change in the forecasted exhaust date for the 207 area code from 2012 in 1996 to 2000 in 1998.

3. Is it possible that the current exhaust forecast will be modified to an earlier date? Please explain why or why not, including any data which supports the explanation.

II. BELL ATLANTIC'S ROLE AS CODE ADMINISTRATOR

4. What criteria and/or policies are applied in assigning new central office codes upon the request of a carrier? Please provide copies of any documentation of these criteria and/or policies.

a. Does Bell Atlantic require that the carrier have at least one customer physically located within the exchange for which the code is requested?

b. Does Bell Atlantic require that a carrier have a certain number of active lines in a code before assigning a second code for the same area?

5. What criteria and/or policies are applied in requesting that unused codes be returned?

a. If the carrier goes out of business?

b. If the carrier does not use/assign any of the numbers in an assigned code within a specified period of time?

6. If the Commission ended protection of adjacent NPA codes to which local calling exists (i.e., Portsmouth, New Hampshire and Kittery, Maine), how many additional codes could be made available for Maine? How would such action change the forecasted exhaust date?

7. Please report on the status of number portability and number pooling within Bell Atlantic territory, including New York City.

a. To what extent is the technology and software used in number portability and number pooling transferable to Maine?

b. When does Bell Atlantic expect that number portability and/or number pooling will be available in the New England states? In Maine?

III. BELL ATLANTIC AS A CODE HOLDER

8. For each code and/or 1,000 number block of each code assigned to you, please provide the following information:

- a. When was the code assigned to you?
- b. When did you assign the first number in the block?
- c. How many unused numbers are there in each block?
- d. How many customers are physically connected (to a loop or private line) within the exchange?
- e. If no customers are physically connected within the exchange, what is the purpose of the code?

9. What plans/forecasts do you have to request new codes within the next year?

- a. When will you make the request?
- b. For what exchanges will you make a request?
- c. How many codes will you request?
- d. What is the basis for your request? Please provide any forecasts, criteria, and/or policies used to determine whether and when to request a new code.

10. For each code you hold but have not used or assigned numbers in, please state your plans for use of the numbers over the next 6 months.

11. How many codes could be saved if all codes (assigned to you) with the same local calling area are consolidated?

Respectfully submitted,

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